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PETERSBURG MAY LOSE COLLECTOR

Treasury Department Plan Proposes Merger of Office With Richmond.

WOULD VACATE \$2,500 JOB

Consolidation Would Abolish Office of Collector Wilson, and Limit Patronage.

The days of the collector of customs at Petersburg are numbered, according to a report from Washington, which has it that President Taft will be asked at an early date by Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Curtis to merge the Richmond and Petersburg customs districts into a united single district, under the direction of the collector of the port of Richmond. It is stated on good authority that a recommendation embodying this plan will be submitted to the President to-day.

Collector B. B. Arnold, of the local office, admitted last night that the Treasury Department had a general consolidation plan under advisement for some time, but said that he had received no information with regard to the proposed union of the Richmond and Petersburg customs districts.

"The Treasury Department," said Mr. Arnold, "has been at work on a plan for the consolidation of customs districts all over the country, but has so far made no definite announcement of its investigations. I have heard many rumors with regard to mergers in this State, but none of them are worth repeating. A proposal to unite the Richmond and Petersburg districts, however, would not surprise me."

Part of Economy Program.

The proposed merger is in line with the Democratic economy program of last summer. The appropriations bill passed by the last Congress contained a provision requiring the reorganization of the customs service, with the view of reducing the appropriation for this department for 1914 by \$250,000. The cut was suggested by the fact that in a number of the ports of the country the expense of maintaining a collector exceeds the duties that are collected.

While Petersburg is far from being a "rotten borough" port, and collects much more than the expenses of its collector's office, it is generally conceded that a large saving could be effected by the merger of the Richmond and Petersburg districts. The business, however, would be conducted officially from the Richmond office.

The consolidation can take effect only upon the express order of the President. It would make vacant the office of collector of the port of Petersburg, now held by H. C. Wilson, which carries a salary of about \$2,500 a year. To this extent, also, it would limit the patronage of the new regime when it comes into power next March.

Local Collector Gets Maximum Salary. A union of the two customs districts, while nominally increasing the receipts of the Richmond office by about \$175,000 annually, would not operate to make the collectorship of this port more valuable. The collections at this port, it is estimated, will this year be in excess of \$1,000,000. This amount is considerably larger than the minimum fixed by the government below which the collectorship becomes in part a life office. The maximum salary of \$3,500 for the collector of this port will remain unchanged should the merger take place.

Collector Arnold said last night that he knew of no argument that could be advanced against the proposed consolidation. The customs business of Petersburg, he thought, could be carried on from the Richmond office with the aid of a deputy, without imposing any hardship on any interests. Petersburg, perhaps, would view the matter in another light.

A parallel consolidation of the customs districts of Norfolk, Portsmouth and Newport News is proposed, and is meeting with particular opposition from Norfolk. Much of the grievance is due to the fact that the plan contemplates the placing of a committee representing the Board of Trade and the Industrial Commission of Norfolk will appear in Washington to-day in opposition to the plan. Failing in their effort to stave off the merger, they will try to secure the main collector's office for Norfolk.

CAMPAIGN WORK

Mr. Stuart's Headquarters At Present Preliminary Correspondence Only. Only preliminary work for the State campaign will be done for the present in the offices opened by Henry C. Stuart at Murphy's Hotel. No active contest will be waged for the Democratic nomination for Governor until some date in the future.

A stenographer in charge of the rooms will attend to answering correspondence, while Mr. Stuart will direct the purely preliminary work.

RICHMOND IS NOT GREAT FIRE RISK

Lecky Takes Issue With Magazine Writer on Local Hazards.

CONDITIONS MUCH IMPROVED

Three Centres of Danger in This City—Fire Department Efficient.

Local insurance men, inspectors and fire fighters do not agree with a magazine writer who places Richmond eleventh in the list of fire hazard cities from the conflagration standpoint. In the January issue of the World's Work, Walter S. Hiatt has an article entitled, "Why Our Cities Will Burn Up." Mr. Hiatt says that since the great fire in Baltimore, insurance companies have made a careful study of fire risks in cities in regard to exposure, inflammability and location of buildings with reference to each other. According to this writer, New Orleans is likely to be the next American city to burn up. Other cities he classifies as risky in the following order: Seattle, Boston, Cincinnati, Philadelphia, New York, St. Louis, Kansas City, Mobile, Richmond, Hartford, Conn., and Lawrence, Mass.

Richmond given eleventh place in the risk in the United States on big conflagrations. Mr. Hiatt gives with his article charts showing the reasons for classing the risk highly in some cities, but gives nothing to support his assertion in regard to Richmond.

Hiatt Mistaken, Says Lecky.

Robert Lecky, Jr., a member of the Board of Fire Commissioners of Richmond, and an insurance agent and adjuster of long experience, said yesterday that Mr. Hiatt was mistaken in placing Richmond in the column of fire risk. It would probably come about one hundredth, Mr. Lecky thought.

"There have been two accurate surveys by engineers for the National Board of Fire Underwriters," said Mr. Lecky, "the last one being in 1905. I was associated with the work of each. The engineers went from a survey, which had just been printed, when the fire swept over that city. They were sent back there at once to check up their calculation, giving one of the most interesting and informing studies of the causes of conflagrations I know of."

Three Dangerous Sections.

"Fire underwriters recognize in Richmond three dangerous points: (1) the blocks on the north side of Main from Fourteenth to Twelfth Streets. The alleys are not straight and do not run through; the houses are built on a steep hillside one above another in great conical roofs. (2) The section south of Main from Eleventh to Thirteenth, taking in both sides of Cary Street, because of type of construction, narrow streets, and congestion; and (3) on Broad Street, the block between Fourth and Fifth, occupied by the five and ten cent stores, because of structural character and inflammable nature of contents."

"It is fair to say that in all of these locations there have been vast improvements since the survey. In the last mentioned block new and substantial buildings have been erected at both ends, greatly limiting the risk of a fire getting away, even though it started in this block. Since the survey, the water service in the section alluded to has been increased 100 per cent by connecting up mains and laying larger pipes."

Causes of Great Fires.

"I have personally met all of the insurance experts who have studied this field in recent years and never heard of Mr. Hiatt. I do not see in his table of cities any reference to Atlanta, which has a very bad fire risk in its congested portion. There are four or five horrible blocks in Atlanta's station section. The great fires in Chelsea, Milwaukee and Jacksonville began in dwelling house sections and spread to business blocks. The Patterson and Watersons, San Francisco, was not burned by the earthquake, but caught from a fire built in a dwelling in which the chimney had been wrecked, and burned its way downtown. The Baltimore fire was the result of storing large amounts of inflammable material in poorly constructed buildings. "There is nothing about Richmond to indicate any of the conditions that have made big fires in other cities, save the latter, and in that we are very rapidly improving. A careful investigation to-day would show Richmond in nearer the one hundredth place than the eleventh place of fire risk in American cities. Of course, wherever there are brought close together a large number of buildings containing highly inflammable material there is some risk."

"The Richmond Fire Department has been very much increased in its efficiency since the survey of 1905. It is now standard in every particular, save that some of the men do not sleep in the houses. If we could abolish the call system entirely, we would meet every requirement of the fire underwriters for cities of the size and conditions of Richmond."

Greatly Improved, Says Beck.

Henry P. Beck, a member of the Administrative Board, and for the past five years Building Inspector of Richmond, said last night that he thought Mr. Hiatt was mistaken in placing Richmond so near the top in fire risk. The character of building construction, he said, had been vastly improved in recent years, partly because of the condemnation and removal of old structures which were little more than fire traps, and the enforcement of modern building laws requiring more solid and permanent construction. Officers of the Fire Department were of opinion that the problem of preventing conflagrations lay not so much in fighting great fires as in quick action to prevent the spread of small ones. Light, quick-running motor apparatus, the chiefs thought, which could get to a small blaze and extinguish it, meant more for the protection of the city than ponderous engines, throwing great streams of water on a fire which has once gotten a headway.

Dr. Priddy in City.

Dr. A. S. Priddy, superintendent of the Virginia State Epileptic Colony, near Lynchburg, is in Richmond.

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Accused of Refusing to Accept Labor Tickets on Christmas Morning.

Following the conviction last Saturday of the Richmond and Henric Railway Company and the imposition of a small fine in Police Court for refusing to accept a labor ticket between 6 and 7 o'clock on Christmas morning, the Virginia Railway and Power Company was reported for the same alleged offense yesterday.

H. W. Harden, of 403 1/2 Louisiana Street, reported to the police of the Second District that a conductor aboard a car of the Main Street division refused to accept a labor ticket on Christmas morning at 6:30 o'clock. A summons for C. B. Buchanan, superintendent of the company, to appear in court to show cause why he should not be fined will probably be issued to-day.

Although representatives of the Richmond and Henric line entered a plea of guilty, the company defended itself by saying the refusal of the ticket was due to a misconception of orders which were issued for Christmas Day.

Orders were given car drivers to maintain a Sunday schedule. As labor tickets are not valid on the Sabbath, many of the conductors thought that they would not be good on Christmas. A fine of \$10 was imposed by Justice Crutchfield. The charges of these roads require them to accept labor tickets between certain hours.

WEEK OF PRAYER

Presbyterian Churches Uniting in Service to the Community Last Night.

The week of prayer services, in which the Presbyterian churches of Richmond are uniting, began with a joint communion at the Second Presbyterian Church last night. The sermon was by Rev. W. L. Lingle, D. D., of Union Theological Seminary, on John xiii, 34: "The New Commandment."

The sacramental service was conducted by Rev. J. C. Stewart, D. D., of the Church of the Covenant, and Rev. J. V. Fair, D. D., of Westminster Church. They were assisted by the elders of all the city churches. The service to-night will begin at 8 o'clock, with an hour of prayer and song, to be followed by a sermon by Rev. Andrew Allen, of Farmville, on "The Holy Spirit."

These services will continue through the week at the Second Presbyterian Church, every night at 8 o'clock, and every afternoon except Monday. All are invited.

Resume Tax Probe.

The Hastings Court grand jury, it is expected, will resume its inquiry this week into the cases of tax-dodgers in Richmond, after a respite from its labors since the holidays. The January term opens this morning, but to-day the grand jury will only dispose of the usual criminal docket.

STATE MILITIA TO BE INSPECTED

General Sale Will Visit All Commands in Virginia in Person.

Brigadier-General W. W. Sale, Adjutant-General of Virginia, and Captain J. K. Partello, U. S. A., inspector-in-charge on duty with the Virginia Infantry, left the city last night to begin the annual United States inspection of the Virginia Volunteers. Captain Partello represents the War Department in the inspection of men and equipment, while General Sale goes with him to give personal attention to details and to study the needs and conditions of the service.

The annual inspection will begin to-night at Winchester, when Company I, Second Infantry, will be looked at and mustered in its armory. In addition to the inspection of uniforms when worn, it is the duty of Captain Partello to check up the military property belonging to the government.

Inspections for the remainder of this week are as follows: Company K, Second Infantry, at Strasburg, January 7; Company H, Second Infantry, at Harrisburg, January 8; headquarters of the First Battalion and Company D, Second Infantry, at Luray, Front Royal, January 9; headquarters of the Second Infantry, at Luray, January 10. Then there will be a rest for a week, this plan being carried out during the entire inspection. The work will be ended on March 20.

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CHALONER OWNS JUST \$35 IN BANK

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"There is a conspiracy of silence on the part of the newspapers of this country as regards my fight against the New York courts," charged John Armstrong Chaloner, at the Rex Theatre last night, "as deeply laid and as infamous as the conspiracy of the French military was against Dreyfus in 1894. In that respect, the conspiracy against me is greater even than it was against the French officer."

Mr. Chaloner traced a deadly parallel between the celebrated French case, and his case against the New York courts, which, by declaring him a lunatic, he said, are keeping him from his property. Thus, he said, his Esterhazy was Stanford White, who "double-crossed" him under the guise of friendship, and his bordereaux, the commitment papers upon which he was incarcerated in Bloomingdale without trial. As in the Dreyfus case, he said, truth would triumph in the end.

Says He Is a Modern Job.

The speaker dwelt for two hours upon the wrongs he has suffered at the hands of his family and the New York judges, whom, he said, they "influenced" to render judgment against him. He read many pages from the stenographic report of the evidence introduced during proceedings instituted to establish his sanity. The particular slings and arrows of outrageous fortune suffered by him during the trial and subsequent incarceration in Bloomingdale, he said, made him a modern Job.

The first thing he will do, he said, when he recovers his property, will be to pay debts amounting to \$50,000, which he owes to lawyers, accountants, neurologists, and psychologists, who have aided him and are now adding him in his fight for legal recognition. His present available assets, he said, were exactly \$35, which he has in the bank.

Mr. Howerton Here.

Thomas H. Howerton, member of the House of Delegates from Sussex and Greenwell Counties, came to the city last night.

PARAGRAPH PULPIT HERETICS.

Woodrow Wilson a few days ago declared, "I do not fear being called a heretic, provided the standards of orthodoxy are known." He, of course, was speaking of politics. We make his words our own and apply them to religion. Many who shudder at the word heretic are unfamiliar with the standards of orthodoxy. Much of the orthodoxy of to-day was the heresy of yesterday; much of the heresy of to-day will be the orthodoxy of to-morrow. Heretics are often the pioneers of progress.—Unitarian Publicity Committee.—Advertisement.

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MILLS AND PULLER WIN THEIR FIGHT

Both to Go Back on Street Committee, Notwithstanding Opposition.

Both branches of the Council met to-night, and there will be a joint session also. The joint session is called for 7:30 o'clock to act on the resignation of John Bagby as a school trustee. The Clay and Lee Ward delegations have agreed to present the name of Walker C. Cottrell for the vacancy. The Board of Aldermen is called to meet at 7:45 o'clock. In order that President William H. Adams may announce his committee assignments, the Common Council meets in regular session at 8 o'clock, when President Peters will announce his committees, and the Council will pass on a number of ordinances reported by the old committees before they expired on December 31.

It is stated authoritatively that efforts to secure the removal from the Street Committee of Aldermen Puller and Councilman Mills have failed, and that both will be returned to the committee of which they have been active members.

From reports current last night, the Street Committee will be composed as heretofore, with the addition of Councilman Moore, of South Richmond, the new committee having nine instead of eight members. Councilman Pollock will remain as chairman.

There will also be little change in the new Finance Committee, but all the appointments will be made over almost entirely.

Eagles Elect Officers.

Dixie Aerie, 228, Fraternal Order of Eagles, at a meeting last Thursday night, elected as officers for the ensuing year: James A. Ward, worthy president; John M. Allen, worthy vice-president; H. W. Stein, Jr., worthy chaplain; Irvin A. Chapman, recording secretary; S. I. Hirschberg, financial secretary; Thomas A. Reddin, treasurer; James Harris, inner guard; H. H. Hoffman, outside guard; W. H. Lowery, J. L. Satterfield, and W. H. Wyatt, Jr., trustees.

The installation, which followed the election, was conducted by Edward R. Fuller, grand worthy chaplain of the Fraternal Order of Eagles. Dr. J. P. Roy and Dr. L. W. Stanton were elected worthy physicians.

PAUPER ROBS PAUPER

Alms-house Inmate Teils Police Man Took \$50 From Her.

Nettie Bibbs, an inmate of the City Home, yesterday reported to the police that she had been robbed of \$50 by Lawrence Meeks, alias a resident of the almshouse. Asked how she obtained so much money and continued a ward of the city, she explained that she assisted in the hospital work and earned \$10 monthly, which had enabled her to save half a hundred dollars.

She said that Meeks took the money from her hand Saturday afternoon, but she would not report the matter at once, because she thought he would probably return it to her. He had not returned to the home yesterday, and the woman swore out a warrant for his arrest, charging him with grand larceny.

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BURGLAR SCARED AWAY FROM HOME

Found in Front Hall—Had Stolen Jewelry and Things to Eat

When Mrs. C. G. Frederick, of 308 North Twenty-first Street, descended the steps of her home yesterday morning at 5 o'clock she almost fainted at seeing a burly negro in the front hall. A scream from her frightened him away, and he left the house by running through the front door. A careful search showed that the intruder had stolen a gold watch and chain, a pair of earrings, a pearl set and a silver ring, valued at about \$65, as well as a quantity of groceries. It was discovered that an entrance to the house had been made by the thief through the pantry window.

When she reported the matter to the police of the First District yesterday, Mrs. Frederick said that the negro had not been on the upper floors of the house, but had confined his operations to the first floor. She explained that Sunday night she had carelessly left her jewelry in the dining-room table.

Evidently the negro made two excursions through the house. The groceries which he had stolen were later found hidden outside. He had apparently taken them from the dining-room, and returned to get the jewelry in the dining-room. The police are confident that this man is responsible for many thefts in the East End. Numerous reports have lately been made of thefts of groceries. With the hope of catching the thief, extra plain clothes men have been detailed by Captain Barfoot for duty in the vicinity in which he has confined his operations.

AFTER ROWDY NEGROES

Number of Police in Jackson Ward Tripled by Major Werner.

In view of unusual disorder, embracing everything from crap shooting to attempted murders, in Jackson Ward, and which has lately caused unusual complaint, Chief of Police Werner yesterday announced that he had almost tripled the number of police in that section. "I am determined to put an end to this rowdiness, which has recently gone beyond all proportions," Major Werner said.

CATCH EIGHTEEN CRAP SHOOTERS

Seven-Eleven Come Into Arms of Two Richmond Policemen.

"Seven, come eleven," remarked Patrolman Tanner, when he walked into the Second Police Station yesterday afternoon with eleven dusky prisoners whom he had arrested for shooting craps.

"Seven, come seven," said Motor-vehicle Officer L. N. Clarke, when he came into the same station shortly afterwards with seven prisoners whom he had arrested for the same offense.

One of the peculiar features of the arrests was that eighteen prisoners were arrested by two officers. It is seldom that as many as seven negroes are captured by one policeman when he raids a crap game single-handed. Tanner made his haul at 415 Jessie Street, while Clarke found that gambling was in progress at 316 North Third Street.

Most of the negroes said they had no cash, so they will not have to face Justice. Police crushed this morning. This is the only offense for which fines can be paid without appearing in Police Court.

REUNITE MAKERS OF CONSTITUTION

Survivors of Historic Convention Plan Reunion February 21 in Richmond.

Surviving members of the Constitutional Convention of 1901-1902 will gather in reunion in Richmond on the evening of February 21. Announcement to this effect was made last night by Henry C. Stuart, president of the association, of members which was formed on the day the convention adjourned six days—June 26, 1902. He has been asked by many members to call for a reunion.

It is believed sixty-seven of the 101 members of the convention survive, although Mr. Stuart is uncertain regarding one or two. The body had 100 members, but Virginia Newton, of Richmond, resigned, and Alexander Hamilton, of Petersburg, vice-president, and John Thompson Brown, of Bedford, secretary.

A reunion was held in 1905 on the call of the president, when a banquet was held again at the Masonic Temple. The old officers were re-elected, the place of this year's gathering remains to be selected. It is hoped that all the survivors will gather on this occasion. Mr. Stuart will announce his committees within the next few days. Addresses will be made by members of the convention and by distinguished guests.

STABBED IN ARM

Quarrel Between Women Leads to Cutting in Jackson Ward.

As the result of a quarrel about a debt a colored woman, said to be Little Cole, last night shortly before 9 o'clock stabbed Pauline Forrest, also colored, in the right forearm with a knife, severing an artery. The cutting took place at Brook Avenue and Leigh Street. The Cole woman escaped, but a warrant for her arrest was sworn out and the police are now searching for her.

But for the quick arrival of the City Hospital ambulance the woman would have bled to death, it was said. She was treated by Dr. Hooker, but he did not think it necessary to remove her to the hospital.

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